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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
10 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA**
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12 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 ORR WATER DITCH COMPANY, et
16 al.,
17 Defendants.

IN EQUITY

Case No. 3:73-CV-00003-MMD

18 **NOTICE OF THE FILING OF PETITION OF THE WATER**
19 **MASTER FOR AN ORDER APPROVING HIS GENERAL BUDGET**
20 **FOR 2024 AND CREATING AN ASSESSMENT; APPROVING HIS**
21 **SPECIAL BUDGET AND CREATING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**
22 **RELATIVE TO THE SUPERVISION OF THE WATERS OF**
STEAMBOAT AND WASHOE LAKE RESERVOIR; FOR THE
TIME OF HEARING THEREOF; AND OF THE FILING BY THE
WATER MASTER OF AN AUDITED REPORT FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

23 **TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**

24 **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that on December 29, 2023, CHAD BLANCHARD,
25 Water Master appointed herein, filed in the office of the Clerk of the above-entitled Court a Petition
26 for an order:

27 1. Approving his general budget and creating an assessment in the above-entitled
28 matter. Attached to the petition is the Water Master's estimated budget for the period from October

1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. The proposed total assessment shown in the petition is SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$651,000.00), and the proposed manner of payment thereof is as provided in the Final Decree in the above-entitled matter.

2. Approving his special budget and creating special assessments totaling TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$26,000.00) to pay the costs of administration of the Water Master's Office relative to the administration and supervision of the waters of Steamboat or Galena Creek, Washoe Creek or Upper Steamboat Creek, and the Washoe Lake Reservoir for the period from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. Attached to the petition is the Water Master's estimated budget and special assessment for said period.

3. Approving his filing of an audited report of his books, records and accounts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, as filed.

4. Approving the operation of the Water Master's office for the period of time ending with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

5. Approving the bond of the Water Master, CHAD BLANCHARD.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the hearing on the above petition and any objections therein, will be held before the Honorable MIRANDA M. DU, Federal Court Building, 400 South Virginia Street, Third Floor, Reno, Nevada 89501, on the 1st day of April, at 10:00 o'clock am.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any water right holders or interested persons may examine the aforesaid proposed budget and petition for order approving the same, and the said audited report, at the office of the Clerk of the above-entitled Court at the Federal Court Building, 400 South Virginia Street, Third Floor, Reno, Nevada, 89501, and may, if so desired, file written objections to either or any of them.

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1 **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that in the event no objections are filed in this matter
2 before March 18, 2024, at 4:00 o'clock p.m., at the Court's discretion, an order may be
3 entered based on the facts set forth in the petition filed herein.

4 DATED this 3rd day of January, 2024.

5 **United States District Court**

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8 Deputy Clerk
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